



PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 10012439-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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EXAMINER: Robert R. Raevis  
APPLICANT: Carbone et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/658,510  
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FOR: METHODS FOR SAMPLING AND  
TESTING DATA CENTERS FOR  
METALLIC PARTICULATES  
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**RESPONSE**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

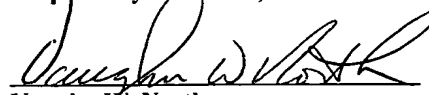
In response to the Advisory Notice, mailed October 20, 2004, Applicant offers the following amendments and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application. A

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 1, 2004.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the requisite fee are included herewith.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate new text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. The amendments to claim 1, 12 and 15 are fully supported by the specification and claim 1, 12 and 15 as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the present amendments are fully supported by the specification as filed and do not add new subject matter.